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Fired VBT Fire Chief Darwin Loyer gets \$75,000 settlement

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees approved a settlement of \$75,000 to settle the employment discrimination and Whistleblower law suit brought in Wayne County Circuit Court by former Fire Chief Darwin Loyer.



Darwin Loyer The Settlement Agreement signed April 15 specifies that of the \$75,000 total the township's insurance carrier, Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, would write one check of \$31,730.80 to Furton Camps, PLLC, the law firm representing Loyer, and another check to Loyer for \$43,269.20.

The Settlement Agreement was provided to the *Independent* on May 6, after an April 17 Freedom of Information Act request. The Clerk's office extended the required time to respond (5 days) by another 10 days because it said the agreement was not complete and ready for distribution.

The parties agreed the settlement is a compromise of a disputed claim and that payment made and conditions stated are "not to be construed as an admission of liability on the part of any of the parties being released by whom all liability is expressly denied."

The agreement states Loyer understands that \$1,000 of the total payment is consideration for the release of claims covered by the ADEA (Age Discrimination in Employment Act) and OWBPA (Older Workers Benefit Protection Act).

Loyer agrees not to sue or otherwise file any claim regarding any of the issues raised in the complaint and/or during the course of this lawsuit.

After he was fired, Loyer filed a law

suit against former township Supervisor Paul White, former township Director of Public Safety Carl McClanahan, and the township.

The employment discrimination law suit alleges violation of Michigan law, including but not limited to the Michigan Whistleblowers Protection Act.

The suit alleges that Loyer "was hired as fire chief of VBT because of his long and distinguished career as a firefighter. He had previously been qualified, through tests and interviews as a Fire Fighter and Fire Officer."

Loyer's suit alleges that it was Supervisor White who discharged him because of Loyer's complaints of illegalities, violations of law and safety regulations.

Loyer also alleges that McClanahan and the Board of Trustees were also aware of Loyer's complaints of illegalities at a fire scene.

The suit continues: "...Mr. Loyer also made complaints of illegalities concerning Anthony Karver's disregard of legal and fire safety code regulations" and "That the illegalities were dangerous and could have caused loss of life and limb of the firefighters working for the department as well as citizens."

The suit claims Loyer reported these illegalities to a public body and after doing so was summarily discharged.

"One reason for his discharge was his report of these illegalities," the suit claims, and, "That the discharge violates the Michigan Whistleblower's Protection Act."

Loyer claimed that his discharge has caused and will continue to cause him great damages, including but not limited to lost wages, past and future; emotional distress and other non-economic damages; humiliation, anger, disappointment, and upset; as well as attorney fees."

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Independent photo by James Oztman

Last Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, a portion of Haggerty Road between Savage and Riggs roads was closed for several hours each day as Wayne County crews worked on a temporary fix to a bridge that was eroding. County Commissioner Kevin McNamara said actually it's an inverted box culvert. Commissioner McNamara said a neighbor called Van Buren Township when she noticed that the road was eroding at the dip in the road next to Kiskadden Pond and she thought it might be dangerous. Van Buren called McNamara and police to the site and McNamara arrived first. Police confirmed it was a dangerous situation and closed the roadway. The repair was completed Friday afternoon just before rush-hour traffic. McNamara said this is a temporary fix and it will be completely repaired within the next few years.

City Council turns down request for beer tent at boat event in park

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

It was just an idea, proposed last summer by unnamed citizens at the Taste of Belleville, to have a beer tent so they could wash down their food with a tasty beverage.

This is how members of the Belleville Central Business Community (CBC) explained their request to have a beer tent at the July 20 Boat Show at Horizon Park.

The smaller boat show event could give them a test of a beer tent at an event, said CBC President Bill Wolters at Monday's city council meeting.

They needed a letter from the city council to the Liquor Control Commission endorsing the beer tent. Wolters said the Baptist Church pastor has given verbal

approval to having the beer tent across from his church, and will put it in writing, and they will ask the Methodist minister for approval.

Wolters had visualized a beer tent in Horizon Park, but learned that a city ordinance prohibits alcohol in city parks. So, he thought they could put the tent on High Street, next to the park.

But, a majority of the council didn't want the beer tent anywhere and voted 3-2 to not draft a letter to the LCC endorsing the beer tent at the boat show.

Voting not to draft a letter were Council members Kim Tindall and Brian Blackburn and Mayor Kerreen Conley. Voting against that motion (which put them in favor of the tent) were Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria and

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This is the graduating class of Fire Officer I & II training hosted by Sumpter Township Fire Department. In attendance were fire fighters from from Augusta Township, Belleville, Canton Township, Dearborn, Detroit, Summerfield Township, Sumpter Township, Westland and Van Buren Township. Sumpter Firefighters that attended were: Chief Joe Januszyk, Deputy Chief Rick Brown, Battalion Chief John Krushlin, Capt. Jim Stumpf, Capt. Tim Armstrong, Lt. Collin Lynch, and Fire Fighters Jennifer Scott, Mary Ann Watson, Don Laporte Sr., Don Laporte Jr., Shauna Spoonamore, Mike Wisnewski, Bill Hamm, Scott Spoonamore and Kyle Simmons. Attending from Belleville were Chief Brian Loranger, Capt. Kris Rix, Lt. Chris Zweng and Lt. Brian Blackburn. Attending from Van Buren were Lt. Curtis Lunsford, Lt. Mike Shores, Lt. Ryan McCormick & Fire Fighter Doug Doty.

VBT Planners approve tearing down old gas station to rebuild it

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Work stopped on the upgrades to the long-vacant gas station at the northeast corner of Belleville Road and the I-94 North Service Drive when the contractor found rusting metal supports bolted together under the façade.

If they just put new brick up, as planned, the building would not be sturdy for the future, the owner said.

At the April 24 meeting of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission, station owner Jay Hammoud of Dearborn asked for permission to tear down the old gas station building and rebuild it on about the same footprint.

The amended plan had some slight changes, some of which the commission turned down.

After discussion, the commission voted unanimously to allow him to rebuild the station, but with many stipulations. He will work with the staff to move forward.

His official request was for an amendment to the final site plan approved on Dec. 12.

In other business at the April 24 meeting, the commission:

- Held a public hearing on Phantom of Michigan's request to hold sales of fireworks for 10 days, June 27 to July 6, in a 40'x40' tent at the Lakewood Shopping Center on Rawsonville Road and the I-94

South Service Drive. The fireworks are stored at night in a locked storage unit. A decision on the request will be made at an upcoming meeting;

- Held a public hearing on New Lawn Sod Farm's request for special use approval for their yearly Corn Maze at 50240 Martz Road. Actually, it was a double public hearing for both a request for a permanent special use and a temporary special use. Owner Norm DeBuck said they wanted permanent permission for their business, which they plan to expand beyond the Halloween season, but the ordinance requirements for that are so involved that they are asking for a temporary approval until they can get through the permanent requirements.

Plans call for a parking lot five times its present size and additional attractions and use for corporate gatherings at other times of the year. Paved parking and permanent restrooms are two of the requirements if permanent special use is approved. A decision on the request will be made at an upcoming meeting; and

- Gave final site plan approval to Wingfoot Goodyear's request for additions and renovations to their property at 8881 Samuel Barton Drive. The project was brought to the township 14 months earlier, said Davenport Brothers architect Wayde Hoppe, and they wanted to get going. "It's

taken 14 months to put a small addition to his building," Hoppe said.

They are proposing two new inside storage wings, one at 3,000 square feet and one at 2,400 square feet. The project got a variance on setback from the VBT Zoning Board of Appeals Feb. 12 and owners agreed to slightly relocate Samuel Barton Drive and prepare a maintenance agreement for the drive for other properties, to correct a mistake made 21 years ago when the building was constructed.

McKenna Associates planning consultant Sally Hodges wanted them to put a decorative fence around the "drainage pond" or install some other protection of the basin, as required by the ordinance.

That's when the usually soft-spoken Hoppe spoke much louder.

He explained that after it rained five days in a row the previous week, there was no standing water in the "basin," which is actually a lawn with a depression of about a foot and a half.

Hoppe said they don't believe this is a pond that you have to protect people from drowning in since there is no water in it.

David Nummer of Wade Trim engineers said if there's no water in the pond it's not doing its job.

"The water goes to that area and soaks down," Hoppe explained, noting it is next to the I-275 berm.

"It's not creating a drowning area because there's NO WATER," Hoppe said.

Hodges said the VBT ordinance allows waivers for an alternative to the decorative fencing.

Hoppe and Harlan Davenport agreed to put in shrubs to divide the parking lot from the swale.

"They cut it with a lawnmower," Davenport said of the swale, which is actually just a shallow indentation in the lawn. "It's been that way for 21 years. Nobody got hurt yet."

Davenport and Hoppe walked up to the commission table and worked out the details of the shrubs, which is unusual in a formal Planning Commission meeting.

When the motion was made to approve the site plan for the storage buildings, wording was added to allow for more burning bush shrubs to be added to protect the public from the storm water, "as required by the ordinance."

Hodges said it's important to have something put in, rather than nothing, to show that they are following the ordinance.

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OPINIONS

Editorial

VBT Board votes 4-2 on Belle Tire storm system

Since 2006, Wayne County has had a policy that requires local units of government to be responsible for the maintenance and operation of all structures that are added to the county's drain system.

Wayne County is the only county in Michigan that requires this – and it's making many local governments, Van Buren Township in particular, very irritated.

Since 2006, every government in Wayne County that wants a new development to be served by the county's drain system has to accept responsibility for long-term maintenance of the site's storm water drainage. The government enters into an agreement with the property owner. It was Belle Tire at Tuesday's VBT meeting. Once they let the county know it's been approved, they can use the drain.

The VBT vote was 4-2 (McClanahan is still on vacation), with Trustees Jeff Jahr and Reggie Miller voting no, but having nothing against Belle Tire, only giving voice to their irritation with the county.

Other members of the board agreed with Jahr and Miller, but didn't want to punish Belle Tire. The business couldn't open if the board didn't approve the agreement.

Supervisor Linda Combs was asked to take the issue to the Council of Western Wayne, which VBT is hosting on Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the Yankee Air Museum. If communities get together, maybe they can make the county change its rules.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

On Tuesday, April 30, the Michigan House of Representatives passed a seven-bill package concerning collecting of the Zoo and DIA millages and sent it on to the Senate for consideration. Our Rep. Dian Slavens voted no.

The bills would prohibit tax increment finance authorities (TIFAs and DDAs) from capturing tax revenues generated under the Zoological Authorities Act or the Art Institute Authorities Act.

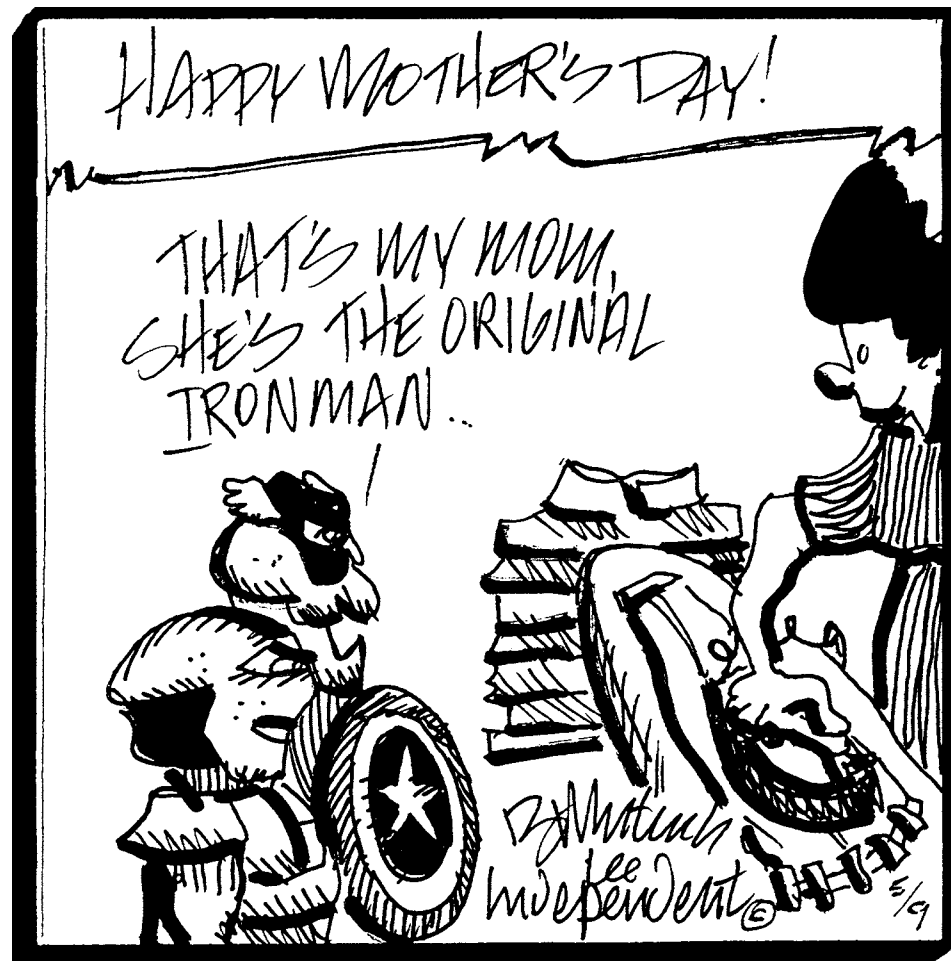
Currently, the Van Buren Township DDA and the City of Belleville/DDA capture portions of those millages.

On Saturday, just before the BHS Distinguished Graduate ceremonies, I talked briefly with Distinguished Graduate Russ McQuaid, BHS Class of 1975, and he gave me his card.

If you ever have a story for Fox News, you can call Russ in Indianapolis, where he works for Fox 59 News. (I'll give you his number.) Or you can check him out at Fox59.com.

Russ has been honored as an award-winning investigative reporter at WXIN-TV. I went to the website and trolled around in his stories and he's really doing great work. And, he's just a hometown Belleville boy who made good in television. Of course, he worked for the BHS paper when he was in high school here.

At Monday's Belleville City Council meeting, DPW Director Keith Boc was explaining why the new cured-in-place pipe lining program just completed was going to cost \$1,874 more, increasing the total to \$154,700.80.



It had to do with the Main Street sewer reducing from a 15-inch sewer to a 12-inch sewer, requiring a 12-inch-cured-in-place liner. Also, the sewer within the utility easement of Angola Street, the two 8-inch pipes at the manhole decrease to six-inch pipes for the first two feet of each run and needed to be removed to allow for a continuous eight-inch liner to the manhole.

I asked about the manholes on Main Street, which had been pointed out to me by a reader. They jiggle when you drive over them and need to be bolted back in place.

Boc said the company, Insituform Technologies, have not been paid and will not get a penny until they have bolted those manholes in place. He said they told him they lost the bolts.

A member of the audience pointed out we have a perfectly good hardware store just down the street.

The manholes will be secured, we are promised.

The VBT Board of Trustees went into closed-door session at 5 p.m. on Monday to consult with the township attorney about pending litigation in the case of Gamble vs. VBT Police Officers Scott Griggs and Patrick Wehrman.

You remember the case. It concerns James Gamble of Robson Road whose neighbor complained about the music he

was playing in his garage. It was too loud.

The suit claims that the two officers came to his home in separate cars at about 10:30 p.m. on Oct. 19, 2009 and then beat him up after a confrontation. The officers deny mistreating him. The audio recordings from the scout cars are not clear enough for the judge.

The suit was filed Oct. 11, 2011 and was due for trial Nov. 5, 2012, but a couple of weeks before trial, the trial was adjourned because of a pending summary judgment motion. Then – more court filings until March 28 when Federal Judge Gerald E. Rosen denied most of VBT's motion for summary judgment. The charges of excessive force and assault and battery are still in place. Gamble's additional charge against the officers of false imprisonment was turned down.

Gamble was acquitted on all the charges the officers filed against him.

Depositions show that Officer Griggs was given a two-day suspension without pay for his handling of the arrest and there was a department recommendation for "anger management screening and evaluation." Not good, considering the charges.

VBT has to decide what it wants to do. They'll probably give Gamble a settlement. Wait and see.



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Letters**Hungry neighbors need
you to donate Saturday**

To the Editor:

Imagine if you can, you are an eight-year-old child. It's June and school is out for the summer – hooray, fun in the sun with friends...well, maybe. When you're in school you can have breakfast before you start your day and at lunch time you will get a good, healthy lunch. Yes, you're part of the national free or reduced lunch program that helps to feed more than 46% of the nation's children, but where do those meals come from when you're not in school? A hungry tummy hurts!

Imagine, if you can, you are a senior citizen living on social security. Your monthly check has arrived and it's time to renew your prescriptions. You have paid your rent and your utility bills for the month and set aside gas money to get to your doctor appointments. Now the question is – is there enough money left for your medication and food or do you have to make a choice? Food or medicine? Which one?

You never really know who in your own community, your own neighborhood, on your own street is going without food. It is happening now in your own community, your own neighborhood, perhaps on your own street and you can do something to help.

The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive is May 11, 2013 and all the food collected in Belleville stays in Belleville. On Saturday, May 11, please put your non-expired, non-perishable food and toiletry items in a bag by your mailbox for your mailperson to collect your donation.

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and the Salvation Army Plymouth Corps which serves the Belleville area. These agencies have seen a marked increase in the request for assistance over the past year and anticipate that need will increase as the Gleaners food program that was operating through the Van Buren School system is no longer in place.

We desperately need your help. Please remember to put your donations out by your mail box – every donation helps.

Sincerely, Sandy Askew
Coordinator, FUMC Food Closet

**Leon Wright is Certified
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To the Editor:

Leon Wright, CMC, of Van Buren Charter Township, has earned the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC), which is awarded by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC), Inc.

IIMC grants the CMC designation only to those municipal clerks who complete demanding education requirements; and who have a record of significant contributions to their local government, their community and state.

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On behalf of the IIMC Board of Directors, I am honored to endorse the conferring of CMC to Leon Wright, CMC of Van Buren Charter Township. We share your pride in this achievement and we applaud your support of the role Leon plays in your township.

Sincerely,
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More Letters

Victorian Tea cancelled by Arts Council

To the Editor:

We are very sorry to announce that the Victorian Tea that was previously scheduled for May 19 has been cancelled.

We sincerely appreciate all the folks who purchased tickets and sponsorships for this event and all the folks who worked so hard. We apologize for any inconvenience this cancellation has caused.

When rescheduling information is available we will let you know.

Thank you,
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Obituaries



Virginia Adkins

VIRGINIA F. ADKINS

(February 26, 1926 - May 4, 2013)

Mrs. Virginia Florence Adkins passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at her home. She was born on February 26, 1926 in Detroit, MI, a daughter of Jeddiah Richard and Florence Eleanor (Wass) Colby and step daughter of Leslie A. Bates.

On July 30, 1973 she was married to William J. Adkins in Virginia moving to Belleville from Detroit in 1976. Mr. Adkins preceded her in death on July 31, 2003.

Mrs. Adkins loved potato chips, chocolate and animals, cats in particular. She enjoyed cooking for her family and reading. She was known for her quick wit. While in her '70s she was still going to the water parks and going down the water slides. Mrs. Adkins found pleasure at the beach and visiting Michigan's lighthouses. But, most of all she just enjoyed being outdoors. Prior to her retirement in 1976 she was a waitress at the Daly's Restaurant in Detroit for many years.

Mrs. Adkins is survived by her 4 children, Ronald (Toni) Sanderson, Sharon Burton, Janice Colby and Susan (James) Mitchell. Loving grandmother of 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Step-mother of Faye Morgan, Fern (Bill) Roberts, Patsy Ruth (Sam) Blair and Penny (Chuck) Hancock. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Preceded in death by her brother Richard Colby and 2 step-sons Eugene Adkins and Millard Adkins.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2013 at 11 A.M. at the Higginson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville (734-697-9400) with Pastor Drex Morton officiating. The family has suggested memorial contributions to Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, P.O. Box 854, Belleville, MI 48112 in lieu of flowers. www.hnfhome.com

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ROGER DALE MAYFIELD

(Died May 5, 2013)

Roger Dale Mayfield, age 44, of Ypsilanti, MI, died Sunday, May 5, 2013 in Paris, TN.

He served as a Sumpter Township police officer from 1994 through March 22, 2011.

He is survived by his wife Sherri; daughters Tara, Tiffany, Holly and Emily; grandchildren Sam, Lucy and Ellie; brothers Rick and Ronald; and sister Heidi.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, May 8, at the Francis Family Cemetery in Fisty, KY. Arrangements were by Hindman Funeral Services in Hindman, KY.

Loyer

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He was asking for an amount in excess of \$25,000, exclusive of costs, interest, and attorney fees, and specifically requested an award on attorney fees.

The above law suit was acquired by the *Independent* through an earlier Freedom of Information Act request.

According to Wayne County court internet records, the township's attorney Carlito H. Young was defending the township, White and McClanahan.

The VBT board held a closed-door session on Loyer on June 19, following public release of an official complaint by Karver against Loyer and an ensuing investigation by McClanahan of the incident.

Loyer left township employment on June 21 and Dan Besson took over the job as interim fire chief. Besson was sworn in as permanent fire chief on Aug. 21.

Reportedly Loyer was offered a settlement for leaving township employment if

he would sign a promise not to sue the township. He did not sign.

On Feb. 1, Loyer's attorney filed a motion to extend the time line in the suit which was granted. The case evaluation was then set for July 29 and settlement conference for Sept. 9.

The April 15 settlement ends the suit.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, May 9** – Brad Sancho, owner of Original Gravity Brewing Company, will speak at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library as part of the Homegrown Knowledge Series. Free. Brad is a Belleville native and he will discuss how he turned his enthusiasm for home brewing into a popular brew pub in Milan. He will walk those attending through the ancient process of converting grain into alcohol.

• **Thursday, May 9, Friday May 10, and Saturday May 11** – Buy a poppy from the VFW and PLAV who will be out on Main Street in downtown Belleville collecting money for their good works.

• **Saturday, May 11** – Put a bag of non-perishable and non-expired food and toiletry items out by your mailbox this morning, so your letter carrier can pick it up when the mail is delivered. All food collected by the Belleville mail carriers will be distributed to those in need in the Belleville community, which includes Van Buren and Sumpter townships.

• **Saturday, May 11** – There are lots of beautiful flower plants on sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chase Bank parking lot on Main Street in Belleville. It's the annual flower sale of the Huron Valley Conservation Association.

• **Saturday, May 11** – Antiques Appraisal Day,

noon – 5 p.m. at Belleville Area Museum to benefit museum. Doug Dalton, auctioneer. \$5 for first appraisal, \$4 additional, \$2 additional small items. Information: 697-1944

• **Saturday, May 11** – If you live in Van Buren Township, you can bring your dog to the Drive-in Dog Clinic behind the VBT Township Hall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rabies and distemper shots, dog licenses, park passes, landfill passes, child car seat inspections, recycling containers and stickers, and rain barrel pickup. Information: 699-8909.

• **Saturday, May 11** – Belleville High School pool is open 1-3 p.m. for a Family Swim. Cost is \$5 per swimmer.

• **Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 12** – St. Anthony Boy Scout Troop 793 is having a flower sale after the 6 p.m. mass on Saturday and after the 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and noon masses on Sunday, which is Mother's Day. They're earning money to go to camp.

• **Monday, May 13** – State Rep. Dian Slavens invites constituents to join her for a cup of coffee and conversation from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Belleville Charhouse, 524 Main Street in Belleville or later, from 5 to 6 p.m., at the Daydream Café, 47192 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

• **Thursday, May 16** – A salad luncheon starts at noon at St. John's Lutheran Church, 28320 Waltz Road, Waltz. \$8 donation. To be assured of tickets call Diana: 734-654-6366. Sponsored by St. John's Ladies Aid/LWML

• **Friday, May 17** – You're invited to the free Outdoor Family Movie Night at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Road, New Boston, (734) 654-9020. The movie is "Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" with free popcorn. Hot dogs and soda pop available. Gathering at 8 p.m., movie begins at dusk. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

• **Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18** – St. Anthony Church invites you to its annual rummage sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. Donors to the sale may start dropping off items at the gymnasium doors as of May 6. Please, no large items or furniture. 699-6817

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Court Watching**Charges on four B&Es
adjourned until May 22
at 34th District Court**

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township Police have filed charges against Brian Bernard Baker, 17, for break-ins on four homes in Haggerty Subdivision, with a charge concerning a fifth break-in reportedly on the way.

Baker was due for preliminary exams on May 1 on the four break-ins on which he has been arraigned. He was transported from the Wayne County Jail to 34th District Court that morning and then transported right back because he wasn't needed, according to court officials.

His preliminary exams are now scheduled for May 22 at 34th District Court.

Baker was initially charged with Home Invasion, 2nd Degree, after he was apprehended leaving 41408 Coolidge Street on April 12 with stolen goods in his possession.

Police said he confessed to four other break-ins.

When he was due for his preliminary exam on the original charge on April 24, he instead was arranged on three more charges, with the preliminary exams on all four set for May 1. Now it's May 22.

The additional three charges are:

- Home Invasion, 2nd Degree, at 10991 Buchanan St. on Feb. 19;
- Home Invasion, 1st Degree; Larceny from the Person; Larceny in a Building; Weapons – Felony Firearm; on March 15 at 10637 Jackson Street; and
- Breaking and Entering a Building with Intent and Home Invasion, 2nd Degree (attempt) on March 25 at 11130 Van Buren

St. (He allegedly broke into the garage, and tried to get into the house.)

Baker, who stood mute to the new charges, was in jail on a \$25,000 cash bond for the original charge. The additional charges boosted the bond to \$55,000.

A fifth charge has been approved by the Wayne County Prosecutor's office and will be added to the other charges, according to police.

The March 15 break-in on Jackson Street included Baker allegedly stealing a Smith & Wesson 357 revolver from the resident, James Laine, along with two laptops. Having the gun on his person during the robbery brought the felony firearm charge.

VBT Police said attorney McGuiness told them he planned to waive a preliminary exam on the April 12 charge, but to hold preliminary exams on the three other charges on which his client was arraigned.

**Ribbon-cutting ceremony
set for new group housing
site on Lake Crest Drive**

A public ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 15, at 44532 Lake Crest Drive in Van Buren Township to open a Liberty Hill III residential facility for people with disabilities.

Liberty Hill III was built in partnership between HUD, Community Housing Network and Liberty Hill Housing and was made possible by HUD Section 811 funding.

The development consists of four, scattered-site, single-family residences in Wayne County, providing affordable housing for 12 people with disabilities.

Light refreshments will be provided. Those interested in attending the ceremony are asked to RSVP to hnoonan@chnic.net by May 10.

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












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City Council

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Councilman Tom Smith.

Councilwoman Tindall began the discussion on the CBC request by asking how beer would be a "value added" to this event.

"It was a request from the public," Wolters answered.

"I don't think you need alcohol to have a good time, especially since it's a family affair," Councilman Blackburn said, referring to the boat show.

Mayor Conley said the ordinance is pretty clear that alcohol cannot be in the park. She said the liability was her concern.

Also, Mayor Conley said this would open

Pandora's box for the city, suggesting that the car show on Main Street might want a beer tent, too.

Wolters threw in the information that the liability is higher for water events than for alcohol events. He had found that having the CBC sponsor water events would cost \$5,000 or so in insurance costs, so the group backed off of that.

He said the CBC would pay for the insurance that included a beer tent.

Mike Renaud, who serves on the planning commission, said a beer tent would have to be fenced in.

Wolters said he understood that and the drinkers would have to be "corralled" and can't walk around drinking.

Tom Fielder, another member of the CBC, said a number of people at the Taste of Belleville last year came to CBC members and asked for beer with their food. He said the CBC wanted to see if the idea would extend to the government body.

Fielder said Mayor Pro-Tem Loria's son runs a beer tent during Strawberry Festival. He uses a company that brings out spigots.

Fielder said they wanted to see the council's position.

Loria asked Tindall's premise for being against the beer tent and Tindall said her opinion was as a council person that this is not something the council should be involved in.

In other business at Monday's 37-minute meeting, the council:

- Set a special meeting for 6 p.m., Monday, May 13, to discuss the 2013-14 budget, which was presented Monday for the first

time. The May 15 meeting that had been set for budget talks was cancelled, since it was on the same night as the Downtown Development Authority. The budget will be on the agenda of the regular council meeting on May 20 and a public hearing will be called for the first meeting in June. Other meetings will be called, if necessary, to discuss the budget;

- Approved permits for sidewalk sales on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, starting May 3 and running through Oct. 13, no earlier than 8 a.m. to not later than 8 p.m. Permit application forms are available at city hall;

- Approved paying \$1,874 more than planned for cured-in-place sanitary sewer liners because of finding areas with smaller pipes than expected in Main Street and in the utility easement off East Huron River Drive at Angola Street. This Change Order 1 brought the total cost to \$154,700.80, which will be paid to Insituform Technologies after company workmen secure the manhole covers in the street that were left boltless;

- Approved the closing of High Street from Church to Main streets from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Memorial Day, May 27, for the annual Thunder Rolls in Belleville. The event is sponsored by David C. Brown Funeral Home and Brown Family Center and Richard Willick said there will be between 150 and 200 motorcycles and about 200 people. The council asked Willick to fill out a regular form for the request and, next year, to make the request further in advance of the event;

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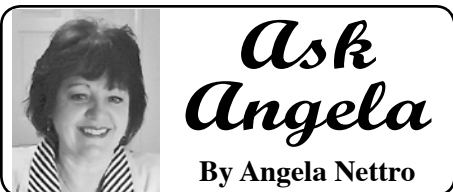
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Answer: Yes, PROVIDED you make your lender aware of them and in all the financial documents you provide to your lender you break down what your rental income is from the rentals and what the expenses/costs you incur with each rental.

If you have mortgages on the rentals, taxes, insurance, repairs, this offsets your income on them. You will also be providing your tax returns, which should substantiate your financial forms. Remember that a short sale approval is based on your proving Financial Hardship and the reasons that you are not able to afford your current mortgage(s).

If your rentals are not making you any income, but are putting you more in debt, and especially if you cannot sell them for what you owe, then they could be considered a basis for Financial Hardship. Good Luck! -- Angela

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Court Watching**Charles Craig sentenced to 30 days in jail, 3 years probation for B&E**

By Diane Madigan
Independent Court Reporter

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Edward Ewell Jr. pronounced sentence on Charles Craig, 20, of Van Buren Township for the Dec. 29 break-in into Tin Pan Saloon in Sumpter Township.

At a May 2 sentencing, Judge Ewell sentenced Craig to 30 days in jail, with five days credit for time served; three months on a tether; and three years of probation.

On April 10, Craig pled guilty to a charge of Breaking and Entering with Intent, a 10-year felony, and Larceny from a Building, a four-year felony.

At the May 2 sentencing, Craig's new attorney Angela Peterson asked if a hearing for a probation violation was going to be included. Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Chasity Graham told her that charge had already been dismissed.

At the time of Craig's arrest he was on probation from Belleville for a previous charge in which the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act (HYTA) was offered.

HYTA is a state law that allows a judge to place a youth between the ages of 17 and 20, who is alleged to have committed a crime

and who has pleaded guilty to that crime, to be placed in prison or on probation without a conviction to avoid a criminal record.

This action protects the privacy of the offender while on trainee status. If the youth successfully completes the program, there is no criminal record. Imprisonment or probation cannot exceed three years.

Judge Ewell told Craig, "Second chance -- last chance."

He tested Craig, asking if he knew what would happen if he should violate this probation.

Craig said he "would go to boot camp or prison." Judge Ewell corrected him, "Boot camp or jail," and asked Craig if there was anything he wanted to say before he was sentenced. Craig had nothing to say.

Judge Ewell pronounced sentence and also advised Craig to continue his education and to try to maintain 30 hours of employment per week. Court costs of \$206 must also be paid.

Tin Pan Saloon owner Steve Kovach did not seek restitution.

According to the police report, on Dec. 29, Sumpter Township Police Sgt. Jim Cayce was on random patrol on Willis Road in the early morning hours and had just passed Sumpter Road when he heard from dispatch that an alarm had been activated at Tin Pan.

They found Craig wedged between a Budweiser display wagon and the wall. Craig was wearing a bullet-proof vest and had a backpack containing a crowbar and one of Tin Pan's money drawers.

He was a former Tin Pan employee.



Craig

Mother's Day Brunch

May 12, 2013
served 10 am until 2 pm

Waffles	French Toast Bake
Corned Beef Hash	Eggs Benedict
Crispy Bacon	Sausage Links
Omelets made to order	Hash Browns
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City Council

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- Approved \$242,240.63 in accounts payable and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to the Michigan Association of Planning annual dues of \$625; to Sumpter Fire Department, \$600, for books and training for the fire department; to Burhop's Collision, \$1,000 in impound fees, from the police department (which Chief Gene Taylor said was a wash since the owner pays); to Hydrodesign, \$9,200 for cross connection inspection, for Utilities; to Hennessey Engineers, \$14,888.50 for manhole inspection for a Utilities/S-2 grant and \$849 for S-2 grant application; and to Jack Doheny, \$784.13 for Brooms Street Sweeper out of Street Funds;

- Heard Councilwoman Tindall announce that there will be a special Heroes Night at McDonald's on Belleville Road May 20 to benefit the city fire department; and

- Heard Mayor Conley say the city and the BYC are teaming up to clean up the city and the lake May 13-18, with a cookout and other events concentrated on May 18. Also, on May 18, the placement of American flags on veterans' graves will take place at Hillside Cemetery beginning at 8:30 a.m. The cemetery gates will be locked until then.

Edwards, McCann graduate from Ferris State University

Loren Edwards and Kelly McCann, both of Belleville, earned degrees from Ferris State University in December.

Edwards received an Associate of Science in pre-science and McCann earned a Bachelor of Science in psychology.

Both also were named to the academic honors list for the semester ending December 2012.



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Thursday, May 23

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Saturday, May 25

Carnival & Beer Tent Opens @ 12 Noon - Closes @ 12 Midnight

12 pm - Parade -

Starts at Judd & Sumpter Rds.

Impersonators/Tribute Artists 2pm - 10pm

Emceed by Jimmy James

Ray Charles	Willie Nelson
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Loretta Lynn	Sherman Arnold "Elvis"
Toby Keith	The Blues Brothers

Live Music - 10pm - Close

Friday, May 24

Carnival & Beer Tent opens @ 5pm - closes @ 12 Midnight

D.J. Music 5-7 pm

Princess Pageant 7pm

Live Music "Thurst" 8 pm - Close

Sunday, May 26

Carnival & Beer Tent Opens @ 12 Noon - Closes @ 12 Midnight

Classic Car Show Noon

D.J. Music 12-4pm

Live Music "Laura Wilkie Band" 4-8pm

Live Music "Mason Dixon Band" - 8 pm-close

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Monday, May 27

Carnival & Beer Tent Opens @ 12 Noon - Closes @ 10pm

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D.J. Music 12 - 3pm

Live Music "T.J. Thomas & Kentucky Strait Band" 3 - 6pm

Auto Enduro Demo by U.S.A. Demolition Derby - 6 pm

D.J. Music 6pm - Close



**Sumpter Country Fest
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Belleville DDA, BYC work together to clean city and Belleville Lake

This year the City of Belleville's Downtown Development Authority is joining with the BYC for the boating group's annual spring cleanup.

For the past few years, the BYC has been pulling together a large group of volunteers to clean up around Belleville Lake.

This year, the DDA is joining in, asking downtown businesses to spruce up their buildings and grounds during the week before the May 18 BYC project.

"Let's unite to make downtown Belleville and the lake a great destination," said DDA coordinator Carol Thompson.

She urges downtown businesses to use the week of May 13-18 to support making Belleville beautiful by washing windows, cleaning up trash, and making small repairs to their business.

In return, the DDA will spotlight cooperating businesses in local newspaper advertising. Businesses are being asked to sign and submit confirmation of their efforts to the DDA by May 20.

The BYC also is calling for volunteers for the lake project. Registration is 9-10 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, at the BYC property across from the Liberty Street parking lot. The cleanup is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a cookout is scheduled from 1 to 2 p.m. for the workers.

For more information, call Thompson at 734-646-0504.

Ninth-annual Thunder Rolls into Belleville on Memorial Day, May 27

Belleville's ninth-annual motorcycle ride and Memorial Day service to honor veterans is set for Monday, May 27.

Registration and line up for the ride begins at 11 a.m. at the Wayne County Community college parking lot on Haggerty Road, north of I-94. The ride starts at 1 p.m.

The riders pay \$10 registration to ride in the event and each paying rider will receive a special pin. Funds go to help veterans.

The Memorial Service will be held at the Veterans' Memorial in Horizon Park in downtown Belleville on the lake, sometime between 2 and 2:30 p.m., after the riders arrive.

The event is organized by David C. Brown Funeral Home and the Brown Family Center. For more information, call (734) 697-5090.

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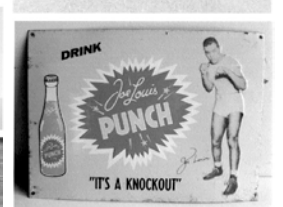
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5pm ESTATE JEWELRY COLLECTION: From the Estate of Lorrie Doddie, Livonia MI. Nice Selection of Fine Gold and Silver Jewelry including Gemstones, Necklaces, Bracelets, Pearls, Rings, Groups of Costume Jewelry and More !

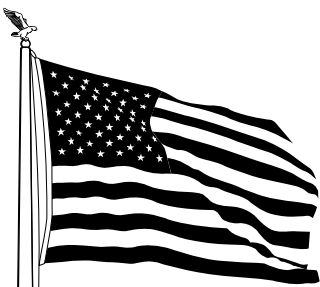
6pm MAIN ROOM AUCTION - Art Works inc. Original Lowell Nesbitt Pastel, Nice Clock Group inc. Victorian, Lots of Advertising Items inc. Coca-Cola, Big Musical Instrument Collection inc. Vintage Electric Guitars and Amps, Saxophones, Trumpets, Clarinets, Flutes, Trombones, Sound Equipment Etc. Great Toy Group inc. Rare Murray Police Motorcycle Pedal Car, Lionel Items, 29 Early Red-line Hot Wheels, Good Group of Guy Items inc. Shot-guns & Rifles, Military Items, Sports Related Items, Big Pin-up Collection inc. Many Olivia Signed Items. Lots of Good Glassware & China, Primatives, Lighting & More !!!

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Sumpter Township Public Notice

LANDSCAPING BIDS

Sumpter Township is accepting sealed bids for landscaping around the Sumpter Township Hall. Specifications are available at the Sumpter Township Clerk's Office 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, 734-461-6201 an EOE. Sealed Bids must be submitted to Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk by May 21, 2013 at 3:00 pm. Bid opening will be at 3:15 pm.

Publish May 9, 2013

Sumpter Township Public Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR TOWNSHIP HALL IMPROVEMENTS

TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Sumpter Township is accepting sealed bids for concrete sidewalks for township hall west side of building sealed proposals will be received by the Sumpter Township Clerk Clarence J. Hoffman Jr. at 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111, **until 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, May 22, 2013** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Plans, Specifications, and other Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the Township Clerk. Bidders are advised that all work is funded by Wayne County Community Block Grant funds and must be performed in compliance with current EEO standards and with the Davis-Bacon Act for Minority Hiring and Prevailing Wages as set forth by Wayne County and H.U.D. Any and all reporting forms required by the foregoing, including but not limited to certified payrolls, must be submitted prior to any payments being issued. The Township of Sumpter reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive any informality or irregularity in any Proposal, in the interest of the Township of Sumpter.

Township of Sumpter, Clarence Hoffman, Jr., Clerk

Publish May 9, 2013

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, and County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday May 22, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a temporary land use request on the following described property.

Faith United Methodist Church, 6020 Denton Road, is the subject location of this hearing. This site is located on the west side of Denton Road, south of Michigan Avenue, and east of Gilmore Street:



The applicant, USA Fireworks, is requesting Temporary Land Use that extends beyond the administratively allowable seven (7) consecutive days. Longer Temporary Land Use operating periods require a Public Hearing. This hearing is being held due to the requirements found under the Temporary Land Uses, Buildings, and Structures Section 4.44 of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 4:00 p.m., the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

Published: May 9, 2013

Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



Lodge Lanes in Belleville has announced that their summer leagues start up next week with **Cosmic Tuesday**, featuring leagues with adults and youths, youth doubles and a bumper league for children ages 5-8 years old. All three events start at 6:30 p.m. Mixed trios will start at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays and a senior league doubles league will take place at 1 p.m.

Lodge lanes also offers 9-pin no-tap doubles and singles on Fridays at 10 p.m.,

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A weekly **Craft Show & Vendor Extravaganza** is being held on Tuesdays inside the banquet room at the **Belleville Coney Island Restaurant** on Sumpter Road. The room will be open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on May 14, 21, and 28. June dates will be announced.

To learn more about renting a table or for more information, call **Teri Cranson** at (734) 672-0960.

Belleville Cougar Football and **Cougar Cheer** are holding open registration on May 18 and 19, from noon to 2 p.m. each day at the **Van Buren Township Municipal Center** for the upcoming seasons. Cheer coaches are also needed. To learn more, visit www.bellevillecougars.com.

There's still time to get in on a **Mother's Day Drawing Giveaway at Main Street Flowers**. Entries will be accepted all day today with the drawing tomorrow, May 10. The winner will receive a dozen roses, a massage from **My Day Spa**, a hair cut from the **Styling Center**, jewelry from **Showroom of Elegance**, **Avon Gifts**, and dinner at the **Bayou Grill**. Call (734) 697-7400.

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The **Sumpter Country Festival** schedule is out and featured in today's paper. Memorial Day weekend is almost here.

Mother's Day Brunches are on tap this Sunday at the **Bayou Grill** and **Belleville Charhouse**. See their ads for the menu and pricing.

Curves of Belleville in the **Davenport Plaza** is once again celebrating **National Curves Day** to promote women's health on Friday, May 17, with an open house and free Zumba classes at 9 a.m. and at 4 p.m. For details, call Curves owner **Robin Gragg** at (734) 697-2000.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call **Bob Mytych** at 699-9020 with your suggestion. There is no charge for being in this column.

Public Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT, WASHTENAW COUNTY, CIRCUIT COURT – FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE # 13-864-NC

In the matter of NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR CHILD

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on June 4, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at 22nd Circuit Court – Family Division, 101 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor, MI 48107 before Judge Nancy Wheeler, Bar No. P-24700, for the following purpose: Change the name of Aidan Alexander Peters to Aidan Alexander Steiner.

Date: May 9, 2013

Petitioner: Sheree Steiner, 8582 Somerset Lane, Ypsilanti, MI 48198, 734-796-3478.

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45 BHS students inducted into National Honor Society

On Saturday, as part of the National Honor Society and Distinguished Graduate Program ceremonies at Belleville High School, 45 BHS students were inducted into the National Honor Society.

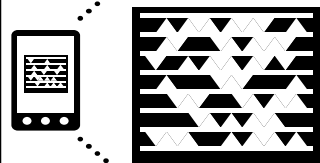
The students inducted were: Alyssa Adams, Olivia Borgdorff, Justine Bradley, Rachel Connors, John Couperthwaite, Carla Crowe, David Dale, Erin Douglas, Chase Duncan, Chelsea Edwards, Kassidy Fortune, Anea Gaskin, Natalie George, Kailyn Gray, William Gregg, Sara Guevara, Lisa Lynn Guthrie, Alexis Hatchard, Tia Haugabook, Ryann Hollis, Sharon Horton, Nicholas Jeng, Lauryn Jenkins, Minisha Kanakarajan, Ramone Kittrell, Kymberley Leggett, Sierra Leonard, Lindsay Lore, Emily Mall, Zachary Martin, Edward McWilliams, Moira Mrocca, Stephanie O'Neill, Alexa Porcaro, Kiara Porter-Wiley, Emmerick Porzondek, Haley Richardson, Joseph Richie, Whitney Roll, Madison Schaekel, Megan Seay, Benjamin Shingles, Hannah Smith, Devin Stevens, and Iana Thurman.

Their induction followed the honoring of four Distinguished Graduates: Lynn Halton, Richard McQuaid, Karen Skszek Mida, and Special Posthumous Award to Fred Dunayczan.

Distinguished Graduate committee

The Distinguished Graduate Program Selection Committee this year was made up of BHS Principal Adbudul Madyun, Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley, Chamber of Commerce President Keith Johnston, BHS Alumni Coordinators Anita Greca and Mildred Baker, Historical Society President Tom Fielder, and former Distinguished Graduates Randy Brown and William Wolters.

Positions on the Selection Committee rotate annually between service organizations and city and township government officials, according to a notation in the program.



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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, April 28:
0214 – agency assist, Sumpter/Bemis
0246 – larceny from auto, 48531 S. I-94 Service
1333 – property damage accident, 48945 Michigan Avenue
1401 – larceny, 6191 W. Adams
1519 – malicious destruction of property, 49080 Denton Rd.
1914 – disturbance, 10760 Belleville Rd.
1941 – property damage accident, 15061 Martinsville Rd.
1959 – noise complaint, 11020 Lighthouse Dr.
2320 – juvenile complaint, 9527 Dalton Dr.

Monday, April 29:
0041 – hospice, 14285 Elwell Rd.
0320 – operating while intoxicated, S. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville
0634 – private property accident, Ecorse Mobil
0739 – E-911 hangup/investigation, Yankee Air Force
0955 – assault & battery, 11570 Beckley Rd.
1349 – assault & battery, McBride Middle School
1457 – ATV/ORV complaint, Jackson/McBride
1612 – fraud, 9701 Belleville, Meijer
1650 – noise complaint, 1200 Westlake
1918 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 15307 Westlake
1922 – child abuse, 6542 Outer Dr.
1931 – noise complaint, 9286 Parkwood Dr.
1941 – PPO violation, 6191 W. Adams
2154 – assault & battery, Southport

Tuesday, April 30:
0040 – noise complaint, 364 Ivy
0044 – noise complaint, 45237 Brookview Dr.
0659 – property damage accident, E I-94/Belleville
1050 – fraud, 51341 W. Huron River Dr.
1221 – private property accident, Walmart
1236 – larceny, 14451 Wildbrook Dr.
1424 – larceny, Haggerty/I-94
1516 – larceny, 11930 Ryznar Dr.
1601 – fight, Tyler Rd./Parkwood Dr.
1609 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1615 – trespassing, 46194 N. I-94 Service Dr.
1700 – neighbor trouble, 49671 Bog Rd.
1731 – harassment call, 75 Maple Dr.
1743 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 48881 Denton Rd.
1740 – mental, 44467 Greenbriar Ct.
1809 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 48571 Denton Rd.
1837 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1844 – disorderly conduct, 11175 Haggerty Rd.
1912 – property damage accident, 49709 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1942 – disturbance, 9750 Belleville Rd.
2033 – disturbance, 12692 Hannan Rd.
2120 – disturbance, 7301 Westlake
2149 – harassment call, 14090 Martinsville Rd.
2314 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, 46425 Tyler Rd.

Wednesday, May 1:
0700 – disturbance, 41358 Ecorse Rd.
1038 – fraud, 11650 Belleville Rd.
1203 – hospice, 44401 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1222 – suicide or attempt, 13245 Edgedale Dr.
1237 – property damage accident, Hannan/Tyler
1450 – fight, 8800 Parkwood Manor
1628 – suicide or attempt, 7766 Mida Dr.
1808 – intimidation threat, Walmart
1929 – mental, Meijer
1950 – juvenile complaint, 10000 Endicott Ave.
2053 – retail fraud, Meijer
2141 – missing person, 11042 Van Buren St.
2158 – disorderly conduct, 112 Peachtree
2210 – noise complaint, 10702 Oak Ln.
2215 – noise complaint, 10702 Oak Ln.
2218 – retail fraud, Meijer

Thursday, May 2:
0059 – assault & battery, 7954 Rawsonville
0653 – assault & battery, 41649 Van Born
0713 – larceny from auto, 46280 N. I-94 Service
0748 – personal injury accident, Belleville/Tyler
1223 – larceny, 45707 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1253 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 9204 W. Walden Dr.

1300 – assault & battery, Building 25, Parkwood
1339 – retail fraud, Kmart
1552 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Visteon Way
1651 – malicious destruction of property, 11051 Van Buren St.
1950 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, 3375 E. Michigan Ave.
2051 – private property accident, 10950 Belleville
2313 – private property accident, 48511 S. I-94 Service Dr.

Friday, May 3:
0013 – noise complaint, 5824 Victoria St.
0037 – larceny, 6271 Sheldon Rd.
0105 – fraud, Meijer
0109 – noise complaint, 47017 Lauren Ct.
0203 – noise complaint, 47017 Lauren Ct.
0254 – assault & battery, 8766 Hardwood Dr.
0848 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, 43646 N. I-94 Service Dr.
0917 – larceny from auto, 43646 N. I-94 Service
0917 – larceny from auto, 43646 N. I-94 Service
0917 – larceny from auto, 43646 N. I-94 Service
0921 – larceny from auto, 43646 N. I-94 Service
1009 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, 43442 N. I-94 Service Dr.
1010 – larceny from auto, 43466 N. I-94 Service
1018 – larceny from auto, 43466 N. I-94 Service
1018 – larceny from auto, 43466 N. I-94 Service
1019 – larceny from auto, 43466 N. I-94 Service
1147 – assault & battery, 48571 Denton Rd.
1242 – suicide or attempt, Morton Taylor Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1256 – larceny from auto, 48521 Denton Rd.
1437 – mental, 7981 Kirkridge Park Dr.
1524 – juvenile complaint, Beck/McBride
1529 – private property accident, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1549 – malicious destruction of property, 8601 Haggerty

1733 – assault & battery, 9023 Parkwood Dr.
1821 – disturbance, 10705 Belleville Rd.
2042 – trespassing, 48932 Peninsular Dr.
2058 – malicious destruction of property, 46045 Tallgrass Ct.
2323 – disturbance, 42045 Fillmore St.
2359 – malicious destruction of property, 42023 Fillmore

Saturday, May 4:
0044 – noise complaint, 46141 Village Green Ln.
0333 – noise complaint, 46780 Ayres Ave.
0642 – larceny from auto, 45501 N. I-94 Service
1034 – malicious destruction of property, 9570 Belleville Rd.
1106 – disorderly conduct, Michigan/Denton
1331 – suspicious situation, Haggerty School
1453 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Snow

1530 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1618 – property damage accident, Michigan / bypass
1637 – juvenile complaint, 2035 Rawsonville
2101 – fraud, 41167 S. I-94 Service Dr.
2120 – harassment call, 48741 S. I-94 Service Dr.
2239 – assault & battery, VB Estates
2241 – noise complaint, 41700 N. Bellridge Dr.
2318 – noise complaint, Southport
2329 – assault & battery, 12692 Hannan Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 199 traffic stops, 63 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 28:
0043 – suspicious vehicle, Victory Park
1052 – agency assist, 13101 Lakeview Dr.
1146 – intrusion alarm, 501 W. Columbia, BHS
1233 – suspicious person, 200 Henry St.
1342 – ordinance violation, Denton/Belleville
2110 – assist fire dept., 28 Loza Lane

Monday, April 29:
0121 – family trouble, 454 W. Waterbury Ct.
0608 – assist fire dept., 70 Menlo Park Dr.
0700 – suspicious person, Bedell/E. Huron River
0903 – suspicious person, Third/Chain
1105 – assist fire dept., 241 Church St.
1204 – warrant arrest, 3501 Hamtramck
1210 – fraud, 154 South St.
1246 – domestic assault, 226 N. Aberdeen Ct.
1611 – vehicle lockout, 382 Main St.
1626 – welfare check, 575 Sumpter, Co-Op Apts.
1645 – larceny, 375 N. Liberty St.

1816 – traffic complaint, 541 E. Huron River Dr.
2018 – suspicious vehicle, E. Columbia Ave. / South St.
2019 – juvenile complaint, 101 Carmell St.
2221 – lost property, 6 Main St.
2345 – intrusion alarm, 524 Main St.

Tuesday, April 30:
0155 – assist fire dept., 99 Carmell St.
1053 – E-911 hangup/investigation, 45201 Owen, Owen Intermediate School
1213 – warrant arrest, Washtenaw Co. Jail
1447 – disorderly conduct, Metro PCS
1514 – breaking & entering, 406 Robbe St.
2057 – intrusion alarm, 405 Main St.
2202 – E-911 hangup/investigation, 222 Belle Villa Blvd.

Wednesday, May 1:
0105 – assist fire dept., 301 Harbour Pointe Dr.
0152 – intrusion alarm, 501 W. Columbia, BHS
0203 – assist fire dept., 484 E. Waterbury Ct.
0255 – E-911 hangup/investigation, 108 Carmell
1055 – assist fire dept., 370 Robbe St.
1147 – suspicious person, Harbour Pointe Dr. / W. Huron River Dr.
1333 – larceny, BHS
1333 – larceny, BHS
1540 – juvenile complaint, 305 Oxford Ct.
1541 – miscellaneous complaint, 6 Main St.
1553 – private property accident, 6 Main St.
1650 – parking complaint, Hillside
1935 – intrusion alarm, 835 Sumpter Rd.
1936 – disturbance, 795 Sumpter Rd.
2311 – suspicious situation, 575 Sumpter Rd., Co-Op Apts.

2347 – suspicious situation, 575 Sumpter Rd.
Thursday, May 2:
0544 – intrusion alarm, 501 W. Columbia, BHS
0811 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia, Columbia Court
0845 – juvenile complaint, 451 E. Waterbury Ct.
1111 – juvenile complaint, 371 Church St.
1203 – miscellaneous complaint, 6 Main St.
1233 – malicious destruction of property, 200 Henry St.

1250 – driving under the influence, Belle Villa
1415 – miscellaneous complaint, 206 Main St.
1511 – juvenile complaint, 501 W. Columbia, BHS
2034 – suspicious vehicle, 271 Henry St.

Friday, May 3:
0545 – intrusion alarm, 501 W. Columbia, BHS
0931 – parking complaint, 321 Victorian Ln.
0953 – assist citizen, 210 Main St.
1225 – parking complaint, 477 Victorian Lane
1328 – civil matter, 191 Clarence St.
1401 – assist fire dept., 456 N. Liberty St.
1559 – miscellaneous complaint, 573 Main St.
1654 – harassment call, 461 Harbour Pointe Dr.
1748 – assist fire dept., 88 Biggs Ave.
1844 – noise complaint, 202 Belle Villa Blvd.
1924 – trespassing, Denton/Main
1951 – suspicious vehicle, Hillside

Saturday, May 4:
1018 – assist fire dept., 500 N. Liberty St.
1126 – civil matter, 191 Clarence St.
1212 – welfare check, 34 Biggs Ave.
1351 – trespassing, Belleville Bridge
1549 – suspicious person, Owen Intermediate
1815 – neighbor trouble, 22 Loza Lane
2142 – suspicious vehicle, 42 Loza Lane
2355 – assist fire dept., 195 Belle Villa Blvd.

Also on this week’s log are 95 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 28:
0018 – personal injury accident, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0210 – death investigation, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
0743 – found property, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0948 – suspicious person, Stonecrest
1118 – citizen assist, Nevada
1158 – suspicious person, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
1511 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1831 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2034 – follow-up investigation, New Mexico
2055 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
2151 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.

Monday, April 29:
1015 – alarm, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1023 – well-being check, Rustic Ln.
1056 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.

1227 – traffic hazard, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1338 – follow-up investigation, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1451 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Willow
1557 – suspicious incident, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1626 – fire dept. assist, Nevada
1734 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
1812 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1828 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.

Tuesday, April 30:
0937 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1056 – harassment complaint, Nevada
1156 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1229 – assist other agency, out of township
1326 – civil dispute, Birch
1431 – trespassing complaint, Birch
1500 – reckless driver complaint, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1515 – suspicious vehicle, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
1911 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2014 – warrant arrest, Creekside
2157 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.

Wednesday, May 1:
0013 – animal bite, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0621 – mental health commitment, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1052 – follow-up investigation, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

1220 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1227 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1323 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1434 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1440 – follow-up investigation, 51000 bl. Willis
1522 – threats complaint, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1625 – breaking & entering report, Rustic Lane
1631 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1802 – civil dispute, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1932 – subpoena service, 45000 bl. Bontekoe
1947 – follow-up investigation, Wayside
2033 – follow-up investigation, out of township
2110 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2230 – personal injury accident, 50000 bl. Judd
2238 – warrant arrest, out of township

Thursday, May 2:
0108 – assist other agency, out of township
0215 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0302 – suspicious vehicle, 25000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0538 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0858 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1207 – civil dispute, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
1252 – follow-up investigation, Nevada
1508 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1752 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1825 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1847 – suspicious incident, 18000 bl. Martinsville
1853 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1943 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1949 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2034 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
2108 – follow-up investigation, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
2217 – noise complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.

Friday, May 3:
0732 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0851 – suspicious person, Sumpter/Willis
1027 – civil dispute, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
1351 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Harris
1402 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1502 – missing person, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1746 – alarm, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1748 – property damage accident, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1757 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1831 – alarm, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
1956 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Saturday, May 4:
0028 – family trouble, California/Vermont
0131 – suspicious person, Arizona
0242 – noise complaint, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0821 – alarm, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0845 – alarm, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0916 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1434 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Willow
1512 – larceny, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1530 – animal complaint, Pecan
1535 – animal complaint, Colorado
1621 – malicious destruction of property, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1634 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1650 – accidental damage report, 50000 bl. Judd
1800 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Martinsville
2010 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Boyd
2024 – assist other agency, out of township

Also on this week’s log were 24 miscellaneous dtails, 76 patrol checks, and 70 traffic stops.

Gleaners mobile pantry will be in Belleville on May 15 for food delivery

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Dave Dewey of the Gleaners Mobile Pantry said a truck is scheduled to deliver food to the 150 approved families in need in Belleville on May 15.

"Nothing is set after that," said Dewey, who said he oversees 60 food deliveries a month at different locations in Southeast Michigan and if the Van Buren Schools drops out of his schedule, he'll replace them with someone else.

Dewey said they had the May 15 date already set but had no one to facilitate it because the volunteer leaders had indicated they could no longer work on the food drop-off.

Concerned families called the school superintendent to voice their concerns and anger.

Dewey said Angela Stroud called him from the Van Buren Public Schools and after they talked, she said the schools would facilitate the May food drop-off. Stroud is the executive assistant to School Supt. Michael Van Tassel and has been given the May food distribution assignment.

Stroud visited the former offices of Cathy Bandy and Kim Nofz and picked up paperwork on the Gleaners project so the May distribution could be set up.

It was Nofz who emailed Gleaners that she and Bandy would no longer be able to

facilitate the Gleaners food distribution, so the project was over.

Two years ago, Bandy came before the school board with the announcement that Gleaners had a grant to bring food to schools that had families that qualified for free and reduced-cost lunches. South Middle School (now named Owen Intermediate) qualified and so they could start signing up families if the school district would let them unload the delivery truck on property at 416 Sumpter Road, next to the school district warehouse.

School Supt. Tom Riutta signed the agreement with Gleaners.

They started out with bringing about 40 pounds of fresh and non-perishable food items to 150 families and then Gleaners was able to provide for 200 families, Dewey said. Last fall, Gleaners was only able to provide for 150 families and the list was cut back to that number.

Bandy and Nofz first started work for the school district in 2005, when school districts in the state were required to have more parent involvement. They put on the Parent Involvement Expos and offered a variety of others services. They did their work as volunteers for about three and a half years.

They were first paid under School Supt. Pete Lazaroff at \$15,000 each, although the board members later said they thought

the two women were to share the \$15,000. Then, Riutta paid them \$12,500 each, with \$500 of that for a budget.

Last June, new School Supt. Van Tassel told them they were not going to be paid any longer.

Supt. Van Tassel told the *Independent* that the mission of the school is education and while he applauds the efforts to offer social services, the school budget is down and he can't balance those services against the mission of the school.

Supt. Van Tassel said the agreement was between Gleaners and the school district.

He said he would like to see the food distribution continue and it wouldn't be hard to get people to volunteer to help, but he can't see paying for utilities and other costs of the mobile units for offices.

He said churches in the community are doing a great job with food distribution to the hungry. And, maybe, some community group or church would take on the Gleaners' distribution.

After the district stopped paying them last July, the women said they worked without pay for nine months because of the need in the Belleville area, with the deliveries set month by month because they were unsure if they could keep on going.

In March, Van Tassel reportedly told them they had six months to get other funding for their projects.

And, after spring break this year, the district's cell phone they shared in the office was shut off. Nofz said they never took the phone home, but used it when working away from the office and for talking to their children.

They said it was difficult to reach the families to alert them to the food distribution and only 85 showed up for the April delivery. That's when they decided to pack it in.

Also, the paperwork for income verification was increased through Gleaners. And, for families living in inoperable cars and other locations, the women delivered food to them. Although they submitted requests for mileage reimbursement, that no longer was given.

Last year the women went to the Van Buren Civic Fund to ask for money to renovate the trailers owned by the school district on Sumpter Road to house The Community Resources Center (a social services program), a thrift store, a clothes closet to give out free clothes, and an office for Bandy and Nofz. In the past, the units had been used for alternative education classrooms for students who couldn't make it at the high school.

Nofz said the Civic Fund questioned the expenditure on the portables since they said the school district owned the property and should pay for its own upgrades. But, the Civic Fund granted \$11,500 for the upgrades.

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